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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 22, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until June 22, 2006.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response from June 22, 2006 to September 22, 2006, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.